

## MINUTES

Chicago, Illinois

August 2, 1943

The East-West joint meeting of the Negro American and Negro National Leagues was held on the above date at the Grand Hotel, 51st and South Parkway with Dr. J. B. Martin, President of the Negro American League presiding.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed time and the following answered the roll call:

### WEST

Drs. B. B. & W. S. Martin-Memphis Red Sox  
Messrs. J. L. Wilkerson and T. Y. Baird-Kansas City Monarchs  
Mr. Syd Pollock-Cincinnati Clowns  
Mr. T. H. Hayes, Jr. & Mr. W. S. Welch, Birmingham Black Barons  
Dr. J. B. Martin-Chicago American Giants  
Dr. B. B. Martin representing Mr. Ernest Wright of the Cleveland Buckeyes.

### EAST

Mrs. Effa Manley-Newark Eagles  
Mr. Thomas T. Wilson-Baltimore Elite Giants  
Mr. Alex Pompey-New York Cubans  
Mr. Edward Bolden & Mr. Edward Gottlieb-Philadelphia Stars  
Mr. Rufus Jackson and Mr. Cum Posey-Homestead Grays  
Mr. James Simber-New York Black Yankees  
Mr. George Mitchell-Harrisburg St. Louis Stars.

### ABSENT

Mr. Ernest Wright-Cleveland Buckeyes.

By common consent the minutes of the last meeting were omitted. Drs. W. S. & B. B. Martin of Memphis, raised the question asking what steps would be taken toward getting Marvin Carter, third baseman of Memphis Red Sox back with his team, Carter is still playing with the Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars.

It was explained by Dr. B. B. Martin that Carter did return to the Memphis Red Sox, signed a new contract, collected \$50.00 played in a doubleheader at Cincinnati and then returned to the Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars.

Mr. Mitchell, Manager of the Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars, when questioned about the matter stated, he had intended on using Carter in two important games that he had booked, and told Carter after these two games were played that he had better go back to Memphis.



Mr. Mitchell stated Carter said he was not going back to Memphis. After much discussion Mr. Mitchell said he would not play Carter any longer. Dr. B. B. Martin then asked about a bill Carter owed the Red Sox amounting to \$207.00, directing the question to Mr. Mitchell. The chair suggested that Drs. W. S. & B. B. Martin and Mr. Mitchell try to get together on Carter and his bill.

The next discussion before the house was that of Edward A. Davis, commonly known as "Peanuts" now playing in Toledo, while a member of the Cincinnati Clowns team. The Memphis Red Sox and the Homestead Grays have games booked where "Peanuts" is involved and the information to be received was, should they be carried through.

It was moved by Mr. Edward Gottlieb of Philadelphia, seconded by Dr. W. S. Martin of Memphis that, the games against "Peanuts" already scheduled by the Homestead Grays and the Memphis Red Sox be carried through and that after October 1, 1943, clubs in neither league shall play against Edward A. "Peanuts" Davis, or any other league team outlaw players, and that "Peanuts" be ruled as the property of the Cincinnati Clowns, motion carried.

The Mexican situation concerning our players is the most serious problem so stated Mrs. Abe Manley of the Newark Eagles. Mrs. Manley stated that Atty. Robert Hargrove who has been working on the matter reported no progress, and the attorney fee had been paid to the attorney. Mrs. Manley continued by saying she also contacted Mrs. Shipley of the States department at Washington on one of her visits there, but to no avail. Among others who spoke on the subject were: Mr. Abe Saperstein, Mr. Cum Posey, and Mr. T. Y. Baird.

Mr. Edward Gottlieb of Philadelphia raised the question asking what would be done about an agreement made by Dr. B. B. Martin in his room in Philadelphia, when he agreed to pay Mr. Gottlieb \$25.00 which had been given to Robert Smith. Dr. B. B. Martin took the floor and stated, since a different situation arose after he made the agreement, that he was not going to pay it, Mr. Gottlieb then stated, will, Dr. B. B. Martin still owe Mr. Edward Gottlieb \$25.00 and the discussion was closed.

Mr. Syd Pollock, North Tarrytown, N.Y. owner of the Cincinnati Clowns, wanted a ruling on Eastern club playing in Cincinnati (Meaning Homestead Grays at this particular time) without the consent of the team who has franchise in Cincinnati.

Dr. J. B. Martin, President of Negro American League asked Mr. Thomas T. Wilson, President of Negro National League to make a decision on the matter. Mr. Wilson ruled no club should go into a town and play ball when another club has a franchise without the consent of the club holding the franchise.



Motioned by Mr. George Mitchell, Mounds, Illinois and seconded by Mr. T. Y. Baird that hereafter, no tickets shall be given to club owners at East-West game and that club owners and players pay for their own box seats, amendment to the motion by Mr. T. Y. Baird, Kansas City and Mr. E. G. Hall, Chicago, that East-West committee be allowed tickets for Chicago and report same at the meeting, another amendment to the motion was by Mr. Edward Gottlieb, Philadelphia that Chicago be given tickets not to exceed 100, the motion was never carried.

Each league received for their share in the East-West game the sum of \$13,948.24.

With no further business between the two leagues, they separated, and each league has its own meeting.

The members of each league spoke highly of especially the conduct of the fans who attend the 11th Annual East-West classic; with no further business both leagues adjourned.

Dr. J. B. Martin, President, N.A.L.  
R.S. Simmons, Secretary, N.A.L.